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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 3220

BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SY, IR

SUBJ: IRANIAN FONMIN VISITS SYRIA

1. IRANIAN FONMIN KHALATBARI VISITED SYRIAN AUGUST 16-19. AT DINNER GIVEN BY SYRIAN FONMIN KHADDAM AUGUST 16, KHALATBARI PLEDGED IRANIAN SUPPORT FOR ARAB RIGHTS. SAID TENSION IN AREA WOULD CONTINUE AS LONG AS ISRAEL CONTINUED TO OCCUPY ARAB TERRITORIES. ADDED THAT IRAN BELIEVED ISRAEL SHOULD WITHDRAW FROM ALL THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND RESTORE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. KHALATBARI CRITICIZED ISRAELI DEFIANCE OF WORLD OPINION OVER STATUS OF JERUSALEM.

2. AT HIS AUGUST 17 RETURN DINNER FOR KHADDAM, KHALATBARI TOLD AMBASSADOR HE WAS PLEASED WITH HIS RECEPTION IN DAMASCUS AND FELT SYRIA WAS GENUINELY ANXIOUS FOR GOOD RELATIONS WITH TEHRAN. IRANIAN FONMINISTRY SECRETFRIAT  
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OFFICIAL SHADIK (PHONETIC) NOTED THAT TEHRAN HAD BEEN

IRRITATED BY SYRIAN CRITICISM OF IRAQI/IRANIAN ACCORD OVER LAST SEVERAL MONTHS, BUT ACCEPTED THAT BAGHDAD WAS THE REAL TARGET OF SYRIAN SPLEEN. HE FELT KHALATBARI'S VISIT HAD CONTRIBUTED TO ADVANCING SYRO-IRANIAN ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RELATIONS.

3. IRANIAN AMBASSADOR POURSAARTIP COMMENTED TO US AUGUST 20 THAT KHALATBARI LEFT DAMASCUS IMPRESSED BY EXCELLENT POTENTIAL FOR CLOSER SYRO-IRANIAN TIES. SAID THAT PRESIDENT ASAD HAS PERSONALLY ASSURED KHALATBARI HE WAS DETERMINED SEE IRANIAN-SYRIAN CONTACTS INCREASE AND DEVELOP INTO CLOSER OVERALL RELATIONSHIP. POURSAARTIP SAID THAT NOT ONLY WOULD FONMIN KHADDAM VISIT SYRIA IN NEAR FUTURE, AS NOTED IN VISIT COMMUNIQUE, BUT THAT VISIT OF SYRIAN PRESIDENT TO IRAN WAS NOW IN PLANNING STAGE. IRANIAN AMBASSADOR ANTICIPATED EARLY SIGNATURE OF TECHNICAL AND EDUCATION AGREEMENTS.

4. POURSAARTIP CONCLUDED THAT CHANGED QUALITY OF SYRO-IRANIAN TIES SHOULD BE WARNING TO ISRAELIS THAT THEY RISK LOSING THEIR FRIENDS IN THE AREA IF THEY PERSIST WITH THEIR "RIGID POLICIES."  
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